### Topeka State Journal An Independent Newspaper BY FRANK P. MACLENNAN

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ription Bates for Year 1930. 

The dispatches bring the gratifying information that the house and senate conferees on the railroads bills are approaching an agreement. The country's business is being held up by a lack of cars. The shortage is unlikely to be relieved while the roads remain in the hands of the government, or thereafter without necessary legislation by congress. Steel mills are reported to be operating at between \$5 and \$90 per cent of capacity, as against \$9 per cent at the beginning of the year. It is said the production will still further increase if the rail-

paper by the senate and house. In the work of the acute shortage of paper thrubut the country, the senator thinks congress should set an example of economy. Mr. Smoot states that not long ago, upon the request of a fall in the value of gold, but to a rise in the United States has been due, not to a fall in the value of gold, but to a rise in the value of gold, but to a rise in the value of gold, but to a rise in the value of gold, but to a rise in the value of gold, but to a rise in the value of gold, but to a rise in the value of gold rise rather than fall. High prices and high wages are curtalling gold production, and with diminished production, and with diminished production there has a senate document. Therefore, are at work tending to make the value of gold rise rather than fall. High prices and high wages are curtalling gold production, and with diminished production there has a senate document. Therefore, are at work tending to make the value of gold rise rather than fall. High prices and high wages are curtalling gold production, and with diminished production there has a senate document. Therefore, are at work tending to make the value of gold rise rather than fall. High prices and high wages are curtalling gold production, and with diminished production there has a senate document. Therefore, are at work tending to make the value of gold rise rather than fall. High prices and high wages are curtalling gold production, and with diminished production.

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would necessitate our domestice mar-ket's absorbing three or four hundred billion dollars worth of goods each month which our market has not had to absorb during 1919. With goods thrown back on the domestic market in this volume a relaxation of the strain in our commodity markets

Attorney General Palmer's plan for reducing prices seems to be working in spots. Cattle, wheat, corn and liberty bonds are coming down steadily.

The man drilling for the natural gas had been confident of securing a supply sufficient for the households are the creation of an abnormal amount of credit by government loans are compared to the well.

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FREDERIC J. HASKIN, Director. Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2,-A large comber prices, while only four showed a decline. "Moreover," it adds, "only in the 'case of one or two increases can the rise be ascribed to causes operative in the market for that commodity alone. "For a considerable period, the volume of commercial and financial transactions has been dut of proportion to the physical volume of proportion to the physical volume of production on which they were based. Steadily rising prices have been a reflection of this situation."

The bank, while not predicting a definite time when price readjustment may be expected, maintains that the process need not mean disruption to business.

"If, when the tide turns," says the bank, "readjustment be not too long resisted and production be not too much slowed down, and if the situation be flexible and competitive, we may expect to meet the reaction as it was well braced now for reaction as it was well braced now for reaction as it was

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Moulton Musings

beld to be meat or fish?—M. E. C.

A. The Bureau of Markets says that it was recently decided that canned whale meat is not "meat" within the meaning of the fariff act, which admits free of duty ments of all kinds. The United States is board of appraisers classifies the flesh of whale as "fish in tip peckages, not specially provided for." On this class of goods a duty of fifteen per cent ad valorem is levied.

Q. What noise can be heard the farthest, artillery or thunder?—F. B. C.

A. The greatest distance at which thunder can be heard is fourteen to eighteen miles, but it is not generally heard at a greater distance than nine miles. In the recent war, the shell and bomb explosions, and the noise of the 15-inch guns of the Germans and the Allies in France, were heard in the castern part of England, ar distances of to 150 miles.

# Evening Story

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## The Woman Who Loved—and Earned A Modern Story of Home and Business

By JANE PHELPS

"Surest thing. I was certain I'd know you from your picture. I never thought about your never having seen me except in a spanshet in uniform."

Sidoster. Meening he doubted it, and I sed, You know a lot, dont you, theres a town in Massachewsetts named after you. Edna stopped in her tracks. "I won't have you speaking to me," she blazed. "If you don't go away I shall call a policeman."

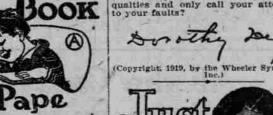
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